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Application of: Erning Xia et al. Examiner: E. B. Elhilo Serial No.: 09/782,318 Group No.: 1751 Filed: February 13, 2001 Docket No: P01849 Title: HIGH OSMOLYTE CLEANING AND DISINFECTION METHOD AND SOLUTION FOR CONTACT LENSES

Response to Office Action Final Rejection mailed August 27, 2002

Letter

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action Final Rejection dated August 27, 2002 regarding the above-identified application, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1-19 based on the following remarks.

REMARKS

The no-rub cleaning and disinfecting solution disclosed and claimed in the present application has an effective amount of an osmolyte adjusting agent to increase the osmolality of the total solution for cleaning enhancement without adversely affecting the antimicrobial efficacy of the cleaning and disinfection